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SUBJ: URUGUAY'S INVITATION TO OASGA

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1. POL COUNSELOR CONVEYED POINTS CONTAINED REFTEL TO FOREIGN MINISTER'S UNDERSECRETARY FOR INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND CONFERENCES FONSECA.

2. FONSECA EXPRESSED HIS STRONG PERSONAL AGREEMENT WITH THE U.S. POSITION. HE EXPLAINED, HOWEVER, THAT COLOMBIA HAD ALREADY MADE A COMMITMENT TO URUGUAY WHICH MIGHT EXCLUDE COLOMBIA'S ASSOCIATING ITSELF WITH AN EFFORT TO ELICIT AN URUGUAYAN INVITATION TO THE IAHRG BEFORE THE VOTE.

3. FONSECA EXPLAINED THAT THE FOREIGN MINISTER OF URUGUAY HAD SENT A PERSONAL CABLE LAST WEEK TO FOREIGN MINISTER LIEVANO REQUESTING COLOMBIA'S SUPPORT FOR HOLDING THE VIII OASGA IN MONTEVIDEO. LIEVANO'S CABLE OF REPLY, ACCORDING TO FONSECA, STATED THAT COLOMBIA'S USUAL PREFERENCE WAS TO HOLD SUCH MEETINGS IN WASHINGTON, FOR REASONS OF ECONOMY AND EFFECTIVENESS OF OPERATION. LIEVANO FURTHER TOLD THE URUGUAYAN FOREIGN MINISTER, HOWEVER, THAT IF A MAJORITY OF OAS MEMBERS
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FAVORED MONTEVIDEO AS THE SITE OF THE VIII OASGA, COLOMBIA WOULD NOT OPPOSE IT. FONSECA EXPLAINED THAT "NOT OPPOSE" WOULD MEAN THAT COLOMBIA WOULD VOTE WITH URUGUAY.

4. SINCE THE PROPOSAL TO ELICIT AN INVITATION FROM URUGUAY TO THE IAHRG WAS A NEW ELEMENT, FONSECA AGREED TO PRESENT IT TO LIEVANO. FONSECA CALLED THE POL COUNSELOR THE EVENING

OF JANUARY 11 TO SAY THAT HE HAD DISCUSSED THE MATTER WITH
LIEVANO. THE FOREIGN MINISTER FELT THAT HIS REPLY TO THE
URUGUAYANS CONSTITUTED A COMMITMENT AND THAT HE COULD NOT NOW
"PLACE NEW CONDITIONS" ON THE URUGUAYANS. FONSECA SAID THAT
AMBASSADOR CAMACHO HAD BEEN INSTRUCTED AS TO LIEVANO'S DECISION.
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